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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method for causing a female breast to expand upwardly, the method comprising the steps of: forming a linear narrow fold in a lower portion of the female breast, the fold positioned between a nipple of the breast and a bottom of the breast, the fold intrusive into the breast to an extent for causing a breast surface thereabove to expand upwardly the fold defining opposing linear fold lips in joint side-by-side abutment; and securing the opposing fold lips in abutment.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the linear fold is made by impressing a pressure rib into the female breast, the securement of the fold lips is made by placing an adhesive tape over the fold lips.
3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the linear fold is made by impressing a pressure rib into the female breast, the securement of the fold lips is made by taping a contact member integral with the pressure rib to the lower breast portion.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the linear fold is made by impressing a rod into the lower breast portion, and after securement of the linear fold lips, removing the rod in an axial motion.
5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the fold lips are secured in abutment by an adhesive tape.
6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the adhesive tape is at least one of being shaped in outline and carrying an indicia so as to assume a recognizable characteristic.
7. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the adhesive tape is formed as a set of strips placed one above the next in a series of increased lengths.
8. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein the strips are formed contiguously.

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9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the female breast is secured by tethering the female breast to an adjacent female breast with at least one elastic tether.
10. (original) The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of controlling the depth and extent of the fold to achieve a desired degree of breast contour change.
11. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising: a non-rigid contact member configured for conforming to the surface of a lower portion of a female breast, the contact member having a size and shape for being positioned between, a nipple of the female breast and a bottom of the female breast; and, approximately centered on, approximately normal to, and integral with, the contact member, a relatively narrow triangle shaped, rigid pressure rib extending outwardly from the contact member with one side of the pressure rib intersecting the contact member, the rib and thereby enabled for being pushed against the female breast producing an inward fold therein forming approximately parallel opposing wall surfaces in the breast, so as to cause the female breast to expand upwardly for producing a fuller appearance.
12. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the ~~pressure rib is triangular~~triangle in shape so as to form the inward fold progressively deeper downwardly away from the nipple.
13. (original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the ~~triangular~~triangle shape is roughly a right triangle with the hypotenuse thereof established by the intersection of the contact member and the pressure rib; a longer one of a two further sides of the triangle positioned above a shorter one of the two further sides.
14. (cancelled)
15. (cancelled)
16. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the adhesive strips are made of an elastic material.
17. (cancelled)
18. (withdrawn) An apparatus comprising: a plurality of spaced apart, arcuate, side-by-side, curved adhesive strips of progressive lengths, the adhesive strips mutually joined by a medially positioned joiner strip, the apparatus sized for placement of the

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joiner strip vertically between the nipple and the bottom of a female breast.